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READY  FOR LEARNING



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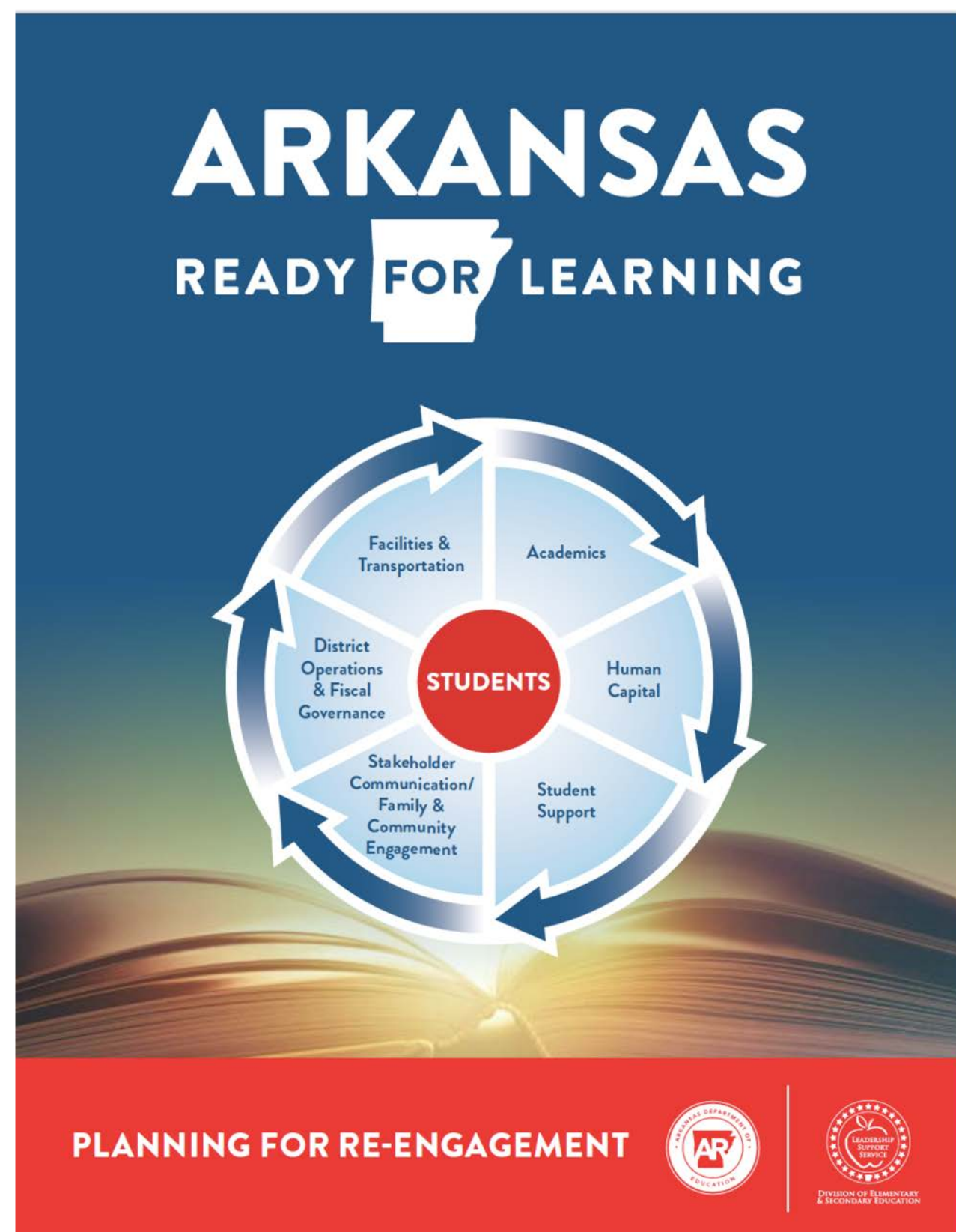
What is Arkansas Ready for Learning?

1. A **system** of *Blended Learning* that allows the student to continue learning grade level or content standards through an educational plan that leverages both technology-based and face-to-face instructional approaches.
2. **Flexibility** to implement onsite or remote teaching and learning and to pivot as necessary.
3. **Support** for districts, teachers, parents and students to **innovate and adapt** to new learning opportunities.

Why Arkansas Ready for Learning?

Because we believe that all students can learn anytime, anywhere, if given the right supports.

Planning for Re Engagement



- Outlines the six systems that school leadership teams should consider when preparing the school to be *Ready for Learning* in 2020-2021
- Links to resources and guidance
- [FAQ](#) linked to website
- District Resource linked to website for sharing of locally developed information

Blended Learning

- Learning Management System
- Digital Content aligned to grade-level standards
- Access to Devices
- Connectivity to support synchronous or asynchronous learning

Statewide Support for Blended Learning

- **State Supported Options:** Districts may choose to use the state-provided **digital content** options and **Learning Management Systems** through approved digital providers. Districts must provide technology access and connectivity options
 - K-12 digital content and LMS option paid with state CARES Act funds
 - CTE options for digital content and LMS paid with state CARES Act funds
- **Diagnostic Assessment:** Use of a diagnostic assessment to provide instructional support for educators.
 - State Supported Options: Districts may choose to expand their K-2 assessment choice to include grades 3-8 to provide adaptive and diagnostic assessments for instructional purposes only.

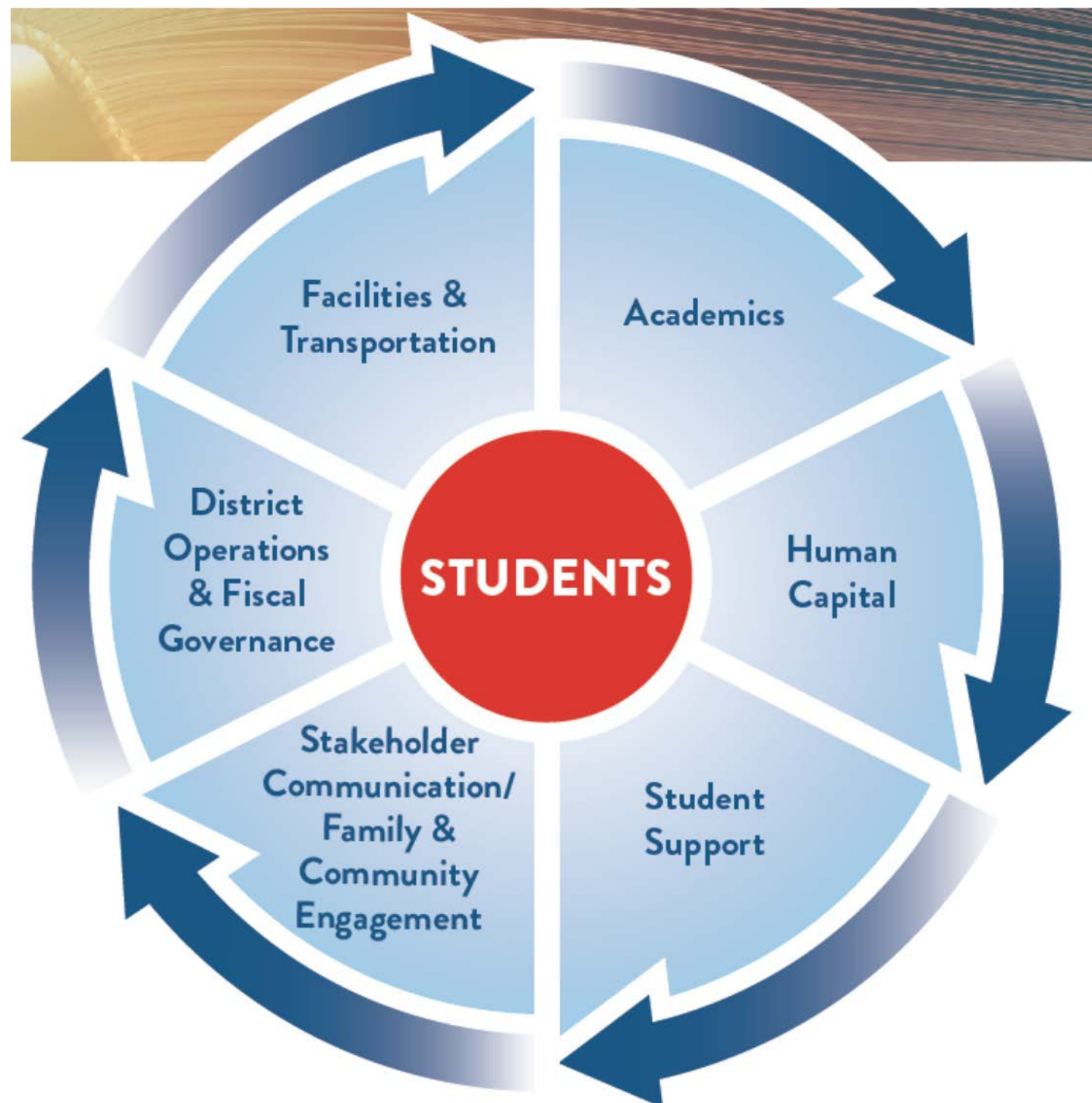
Flexibility and Waivers

- DESE has designed a streamlined waiver process for districts that opt in to the Ready for Learning model
 - Assurance for districts when planning
 - Uniformity in waivers needed to address needs next year
 - All waivers formalized by end of June with follow-up plans for implementation on or before Sept.1 in the District Support Plan
- Process for streamlined waiver request will be discussed with the State Board of Education on Thursday, June 11, with a webinar for districts on Friday, June 12. The agenda item is [here](#)
- ASBA has drafted a [model board resolution](#) for local district consideration.

Opting in with District Assurance and Support Plan

- Districts will:
 - Ensure the continuity of teaching and learning by providing a **guaranteed and viable curriculum** that includes blended learning (K-12) and diagnostic assessments (K-8);
 - Identify how to address unfinished learning from the prior year by using the Arkansas Playbook: Addressing Unfinished Learning or district developed resources;
 - Utilize a Learning Management System;
 - Schedule teacher training for how to use the LMS;
 - Schedule teacher training for blended learning (delivery of instruction);
 - Provide support for parents and students; and
 - Provide communication plan for interacting with parents, students, and the community

Webpage - Ready for Learning



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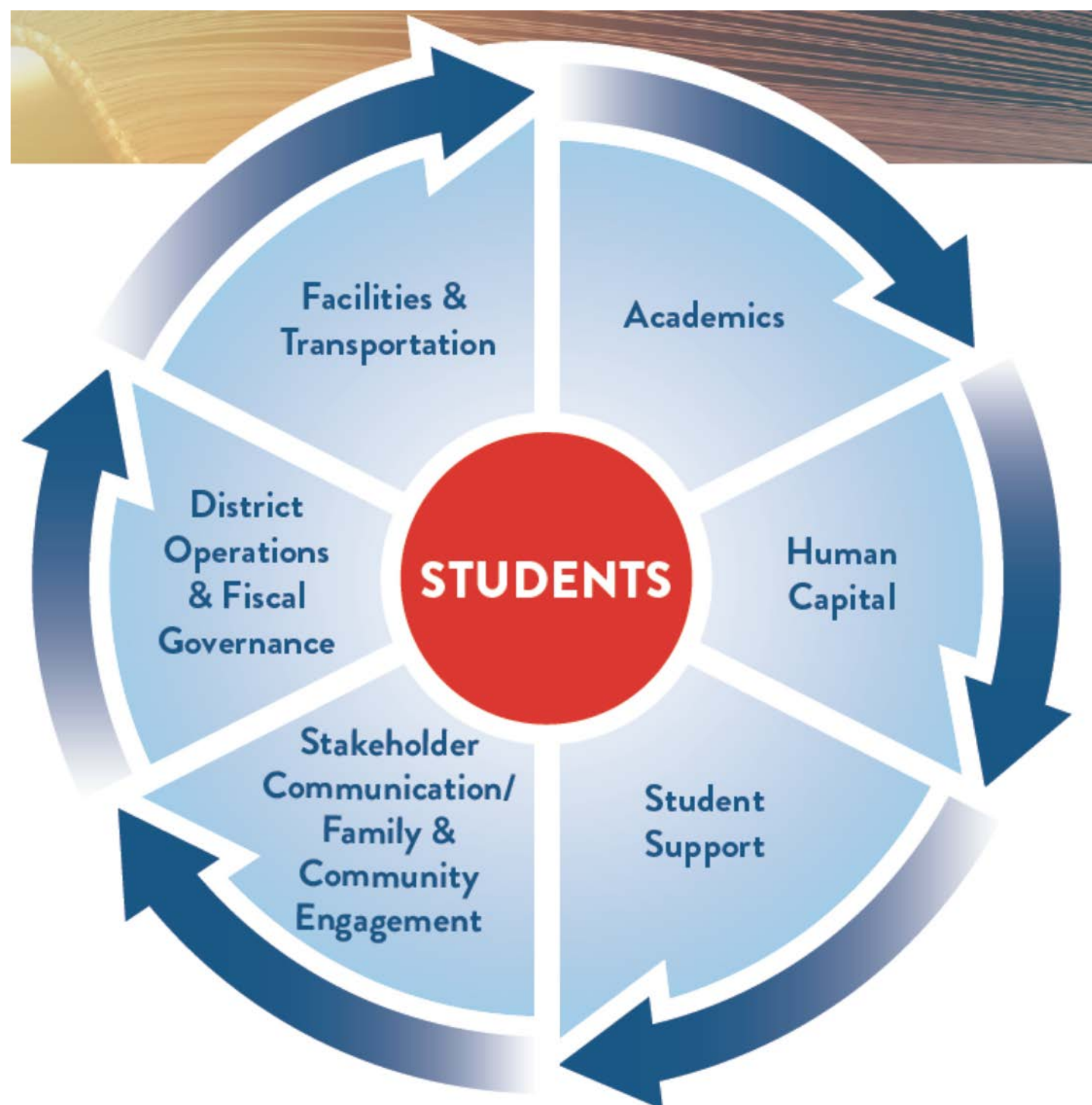
<http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/communications/arkansas-ready-for-learning>

Statewide Support- Next Steps for Support and Sustainability

District Needs Assessment Survey:

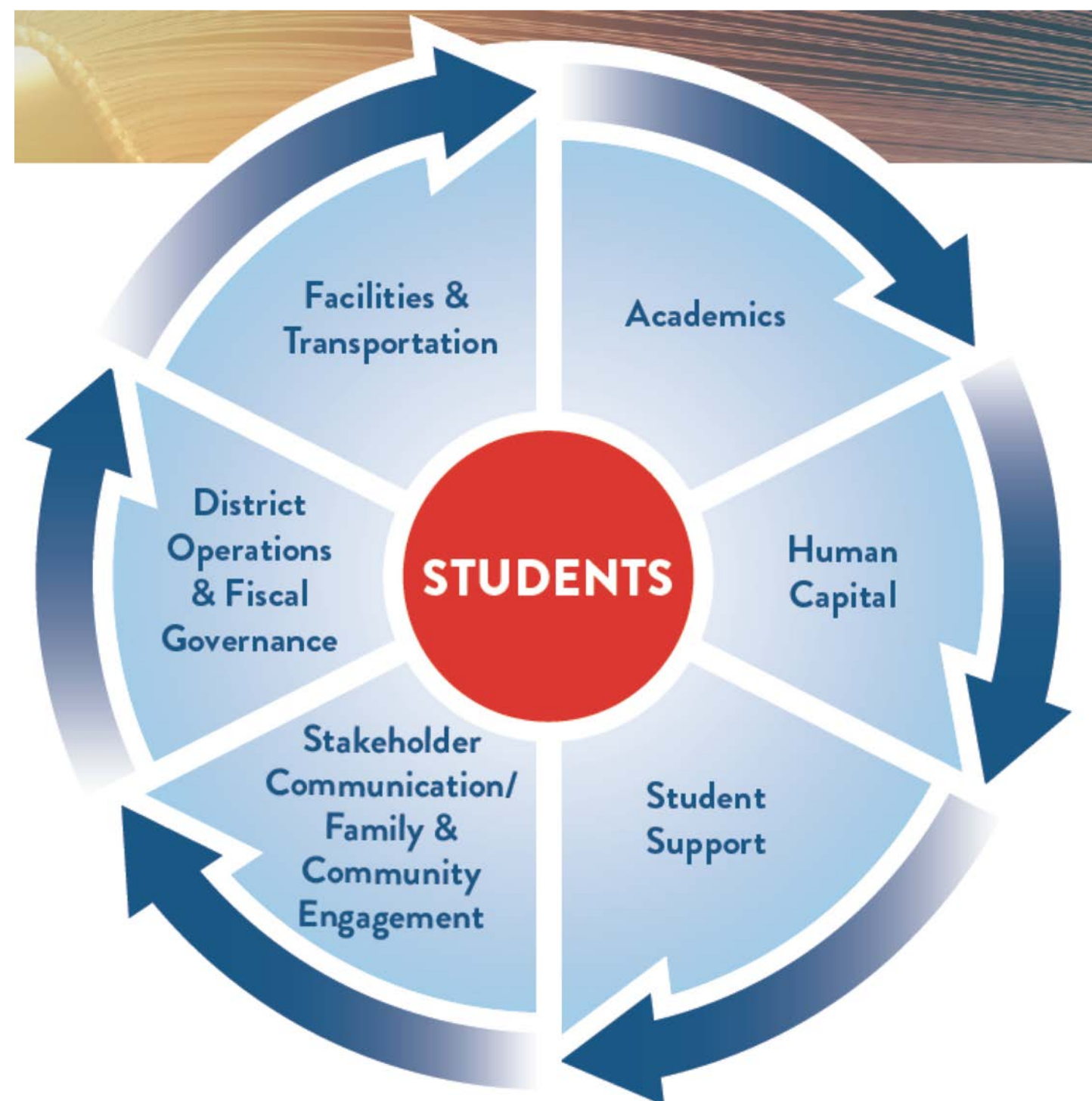
- Learning Management Systems (current, planned)**
- Content (synchronous and asynchronous - online/offline)**
- Student/teacher devices**
- Connectivity (school, home, teacher, student)**
- Professional Development and connections to digital opportunities**

Next Webinar



The next webinar is planned for **Friday, June 12, 2020 at 10:00 am** to discuss the assurances/application for Ready for Learning. Watch for a Commissioner's Memo announcing the webinar link.

Questions?



Please send your questions to

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